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PARLIAMENT REVIEWS PROBLEMS OF AGRICULTURE

FARMERS WILL NOT LOSE FROM SWITCH OF WHEAT MONEY

So Gardiner Guarantees Re Funds Transferred for Bacon, Timber

BUTTER DISCUSSED

Increased World Competition in World Wheat Trade Is Now Indicated

By M. McDUGALL
Leader Correspondent

OTTAWA, Ont. — Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce, has announced in the House of Commons that Canadian representatives on the International Wheat Council now being held in London, England, will favor the accession of Germany and Japan to inclusion in the agreement. This would mean, if accepted, 100 million bushels added to the agreement, and would permit Canada's quota to be restored to 230 million, which was originally thought Canada's fair share. It will not (officials state) need to be added to the 1940-50 quota, as Canada has no extra wheat to sell anyway, but in 1950 when the first increase will be made, Canada's share may jump from 203,000,000 to possibly 220,000,000, and the next year increased again, and finally reach the peak in 1953-54 crop year.

OTTAWA, March 15th. — The problems which face Canadian agriculture are now occupying and will unquestionably continue to occupy a conspicuous place in discussions of the House of Commons this session. The solution of some of these questions is, of course, obscured. No one can possibly chart the course of the whole Canadian economy during the months immediately ahead, though there is nothing to show that our economy will be under any very great stress at least for the year 1950. There is, of course, the question of markets and of prices for the surplus of agricultural products.

There are two points of importance on which the Minister of Agriculture has clarified the situation on which there have been some misunderstandings. One is on wheat payments to the farmers and the other on butter stores.

"No Possibility of Loss"

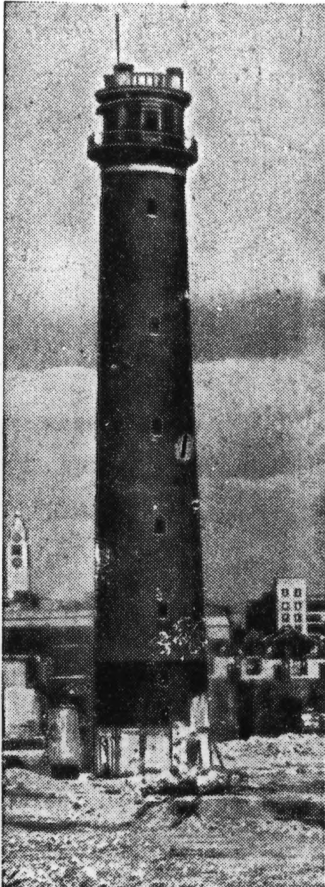
In relation to the effect of any diversion of any quantity of the money originally set aside for the payment by the British for wheat from Canada, Mr. Gardiner explained that "every dollar the wheat pool is entitled to as a result of the British agreement will be paid into the pool by the end of the crop year on the basis on which the British wheat agreement called for the deliveries."

Mr. Gardiner went on to say that there is "no possibility whatever of any loss being taken by the farmers of Western Canada as a result of that exchange" (referring to an exchange

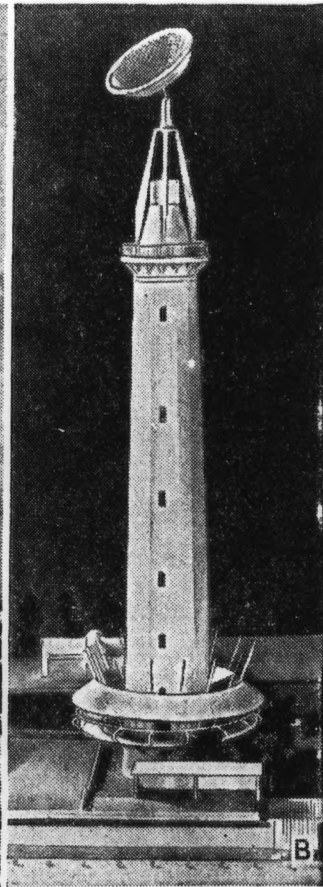
It is estimated that average milk production per cow increased by approximately 200 lbs. in Alberta in 1949. Quality of dairy products also improved.

Sees Co-ops Force In World Restoration

Ancient Tower To Bounce Waves Off Moon



ROUND SKOT FIRED AT NAPOLEON was made in the tower pictured on the left. Next year, redesigned as it is pictured on the right, it will fire radio waves at the moon, and visitors to the 1951 Festival of Britain, through the aerial of the radio telescope at the top, will be able to see them bouncing back on earth a few seconds later. The tower today, a London landmark, stands on a cleared bomb site on which the main exhibition of the great national festival is beginning to rise. In its converted form it will also be capable of receiving the arrival of radio waves from the sun, stars and meteors.



TOTAL 99,000,000 IN INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE TODAY

Co-op Movement Described as "Spearhead in Battle for Democracy"

BY NOTED SPEAKER

Canadian Co-op Congress Holds 41st Annual Sessions in London, Ont.

"The Canadian Co-operative Congress was a large and inspiring gathering," said Norman F. Priestley, a delegate from Alberta, on his return to Calgary. "There was a pervading sense of growth and power, and a fine unity. Representatives came from a wide variety of co-operatives, from small new fishermen's associations on both coasts to the powerful Saskatchewan Wheat Pool."

Declaring that the co-operative movement has a most important role to play in the rehabilitation of the world "which fell to pieces during the war," Thorsten Odhe, Director of the International Co-operative Alliance and Economic Consultant on the United Nations Economic and Social Council, described co-operatives as the spearheads in the battle for democracy, when he addressed the Forty-first Annual Congress of the Co-operative Union of Canada in London, Ont., last week. Mr. Odhe was guest of honor at the annual banquet attended by over 60 delegates and more than 200 guests.

The International Co-operative Alliance, a Federation of all types of co-operatives in 30 countries, today represents through its affiliates some 99,000,000 people of many races and creeds.

Membership in its Canadian unit, the Co-operative Union of Canada, now totals 619,088 through direct affiliation, and A. D. MacDonald, General Secretary of the Union, estimated that 3,000,000 Canadians are participants in the benefits of the movement. Total business done by affiliates in 1949 was \$521,785,147.

World-Wide Progress Amazing

Describing the progress made by co-operation throughout the world since the war, Mr. Odhe said that recovery (many co-operatives had been wiped out completely and others seriously weakened) had been amazing. In Germany and Austria and other countries where they had suffered heavily, co-operatives had already surpassed their pre-war strength.

Incorporation on a national basis of "The Canadian Union of Co-operatives" was recommended in a report made to the Congress. The movement, it was stated, "had helped to build a greater measure of stability for the whole Canadian economy."

The Congress endorsed in principle
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of a portion of the wheat money being transferred for the purchase of bacon or timber). The money will be paid by the Government of Canada, and any loss will be assumed either by the Treasury of Canada or by a settlement with the British.

The Minister also gave some enlightening comments on the financing of the wheat delivered to the Board. This year the Board is making initial payments of \$1.75 a bushel, but after this payment is made, the wheat has to be transported to seaboard, later loaded and shipped abroad, and finally it has to be paid for. This takes time, and to finance the payments to the farmers, the Board has to secure loans from the banks. This is, of course, simply common sense. It couldn't be worked in any other way.

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Farmer Receives 2.4 Cents Out of 14.5 Loaf

The farmer gets 2.4 cents of the price of 14.5 cents paid by a consumer for a loaf of bread, according to a breakdown prepared by a U.S. publication and reprinted by the Manitoba Farm Radio Forum's news-sheet. The miller gets .7 cents, others .5, ingredients other than wheat flour cost 1 cent, leaving 9.9 cents for baker's and retailer's charges.

France may have as much as 500 thousand tons of wheat for export this year.

AT PRE-WAR STRENGTH

LONDON, Eng. — The British merchant fleet is now back to pre-war strength. Over 3½ million tons has been added since 1945.

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The Seed We Will Sow in 1950

By Howard P. Wright

President Canadian Seed Growers' Association

THE first of March has come and gone and before very long a new crop will be planted on the prairies. I am very much pleased to have this opportunity of writing a few words for the readers of **The Western Farm Leader**.

Unique Organization

There are many organizations connected with our way of life as farmers, each one rendering a service in some way or other. The Canadian Seed Growers' Association is one of them and is now in its forty-sixth year. It is a well recognized fact that it continues to make a real contribution to Canadian Agriculture. It is a very unique organization and no other country has anything to compare with it.

Canada is an exporting country and quality will always be a most important factor. Canadian Plant Breeders are diligently working to improve the varieties being used. New varieties are brought forward, and receive recognition and a license. In order to keep the stocks of seed in the purest possible condition, small quantities of Foundation Stocks are

given to members of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association.

Crop Inspected in Field

This seed is carefully planted according to the regulations of the Association, and the crop is inspected while growing in the field by inspectors of the Plant Products Division. A Field Report is written up and forwarded to the Head Office of the Association in Ottawa. This report covers the pedigree of the seed used, the condition of the land the year previous, whether it was in crop or fallow, the condition of the isolation strip or distance from other crops.

The isolation strip must indicate evidence of early preparation and care throughout the growing season, and be at least a certain width. Then the purity of the crop is recorded by actual counts in six widely separated places in the field. One off type or other kind in 10,000 plants is all that is permitted in a field that passes.

The general condition of the field as to growth, presence of weeds and evidence of disease is also noted. This in brief is the information required before the CROP can be registered.

Registers Crop Only

The C.S.G.A., as it is usually called, registers the CROP only, and if the Field Report is satisfactory, a Crop Registration Certificate will be issued. Later the grower can use this Certificate to have the seed from this crop graded and sealed in containers and tagged officially as Registered seed.

The service of the Association in its 46 years has been gradually extended and now includes cereals, forage crops, open pollinated and hybrid corn, sunflowers, field roots, tobacco and vegetable seeds.

Administrative Bodies

Like all other organizations, the Association has its administrative bodies, and there are 20 Directors on the Board, 10 of whom must be bona-fide growers, and these are drawn from right across Canada. The annual meeting is held in a different Province each year and is very unique in its composition.

The Association is very closely connected with all the Plant Breeding Institutions, Universities and the Experimental Farms, and officials from these bodies constitute the Plant Breeders' Committees and also the committee on Plant Diseases.

Aim — Finest Quality for Canada

The Association is also very closely connected with the Dominion Department of Agriculture and the Departments of Agriculture in the Provinces. Many commercial concerns are very much interested in the work and progress of the Association, and representatives from all these bodies, together with members of the Association, all

Urges Use Good Seed



HOWARD P. WRIGHT

Now in his third term as President of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, Mr. Wright, who is a Master Farmer, has given distinguished service to the cause of seed improvement. He has been President of the Alberta Seed Growers' Association (now the Alberta Seed Growers' Cooperative) since its formation in 1935. He farms at Airdrie.

meet together with a common purpose, with the end in view that Canada will have the finest quality and best types of seed available for general use.

Just recently a meeting of the Executive Council was held in Ottawa. This is a smaller administrative body consisting of seven directors and some members of standing committees. This meeting is always interesting and usually a very heavy agenda is put before the Council.

The Association has about 6,000 members in its files today, and with all the varying types of farming and with all the crops under service, it is easy to understand just how much business can properly come before a meeting of this kind. Changes and additions to regulations are always under review.

Best Seed Obtainable

Registered Seed is the best seed that can be secured, and the premiums asked over commercial grain are fully justified. Many successful farmers follow a practice of securing enough Registered Seed every fourth year to sow a Seed Field. This Seed Field should be large enough to produce sufficient seed to cover the main acreage the next year.

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Conservation Board Has Broad Functions

Equitable Use of All Forest Reserve Resources Aim

Set up in 1947 as a three-man policy making body, the Eastern Rockies Forest Conservation Board, whose object is to promote a usable flow of water into the Saskatchewan, also is concerned with much broader principles, it was pointed out at a meeting of the Calgary branch of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, when E. S. Fellows, Chief Forester, and Wallace R. Hanson, Assistant Chief Forester, for the Board, spoke on "The Principles of Watershed Management."

The Board seeks to promote an equitable use of all the forest reserve resources, and to apply conservation measures to all of them. Timber, game, rangeland, water run-off and recreational values, all these are matters which come within the purview of this body, set up jointly by Dominion and Alberta Provincial Governments. Its work will have an important bearing on the future of agriculture in this Province.

Mr. Hanson stated that a reduction of forest cover increases run-off. A system of partial forest stand with a small proportion of poplar was considered desirable. Erosion presented an important problem. The foresight of the people who set up the Board was commended, as measures of conservation (which will take many years to develop fully) are being started before a great deal of damage has been done.

President John Keay was in the chair. Secretary of the branch is Ed. Patching.

Is still seed available of many standard varieties.

Elevator agents are the representatives of the Alberta Crop Improvement Association, and will be pleased to discuss seed needs with anyone interested.

Seed Drill Surveys conducted in the Province last spring clearly indicate that there is great need for improvement in the seed that many farmers are using. It was really shocking to learn that over HALF of the samples taken at random from farmers' drills in the field, graded "Rejected" or not considered as fit for seed. Seed can be graded "Rejected" for several reasons. General condition, mixtures with other grains, weed seed content, evidence of disease, smut, etc. Only 19 per cent graded No. 1 seed, 12 per cent No. 2, and 10 per cent No. 3 seed and 59 per cent "Rejected".

The quality of the seed we sow in 1950 will have a definite influence on our crops, and everyone should make a determined effort to sow well cleaned and graded seed.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Before the war, states the FAO Bulletin, about one-fifth of the population of the world had a daily diet of 2,000 calories or less; the number now on this inadequate diet has increased to about one-third of the world's population. In the past decade, it is stated, some of the best-fed nations of the pre-war period have become better fed; and some of the worst, worse fed.

A.F.A. NOTES

By JAS. R. McFALL, Secretary
Market Your Wheat Early. — Late in January, George McIvor, speaking over the CBC Farm News, stressed the need of early delivery of wheat if such sales are to be included in the five-year pool.

We believe such advice is sound and fair if the Wheat Board is to sell all deliveries to the best advantage. If large volumes of wheat are held until the last few weeks of this crop year it will mean delay in making final settlement, and may force the Board to take lower prices if this wheat is not in a saleable position.

This does not mean that we advise selling down to the last bushel — that is your business. A bin or two of wheat held on the farm may still be a good investment, but all wheat that you intend to sell should be delivered early.

Depreciation for Income Tax Purposes. — The 1949 Farmers' Income Tax Guide may be found to be misleading and rather confusing with regard to certain depreciation rates. First, you will note that certain rates such as those on trucks, tractors and combines have been reduced from 20 per cent to 15 per cent. With regard to combines you will note that they are divided into two separate classes. Self-propelled combines are depreciated at 15 per cent, while drawn combines are depreciated at 10 per cent.

This description is not clear in our terminology. A drawn combine can have its own power unit or it can be drawn or propelled by the tractor. Study of the regulations listed previously state that automotive equipment can be depreciated at 15 per cent. Therefore, our interpretation and the one we suggest that you use, is that all combines having a motor unit as part of the combine be depreciated at 15 per cent.

Another point which should be noted is that an implement, say a tractor, truck or combine, purchased during the year, will only be depreciated from the time that purchase was made. For example, a tractor purchased in April can only be depreciated on the basis of three-quarters, or a truck purchased in September can only be depreciated on the basis of one-third of the depreciation allowed for the year.

Conference of Marketing Legislation. — At the Western Agricultural Conference held in Winnipeg in late January the delegates passed a resolution asking for a Dominion-Provincial meeting to discuss marketing legislation.

The C.F.A. Annual Meeting concurred in this idea, and we can now announce that this meeting has been arranged for March 21st. Its purpose is to study and compare Provincial marketing legislation with the Dominion Marketing Act passed at the last session. Our thought in asking for this meeting is to make sure that our respective Provincial marketing Acts are in order and can operate in conjunction with the Dominion Act, or if not, to seek necessary amendments on either a Provincial or national level, so that any Province or Provinces wishing to establish marketing boards

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At time of writing these notes, the Alberta delegation attending this conference has not been named, but it will undoubtedly include Governmental authorities as well as Federation representatives.

Marketing Conference March 21st. — The Executive of the Alberta Federation of Agriculture met in Edmonton on March 9th. The main item of business was to consider arrangements for a Federation delegation to attend a Marketing Act conference in Ottawa on March 21st.

The meeting agreed that the A.F.A. should be represented by Roy C. Marler, President, and K. V. Kapler, Poultry Director. It is possible that Carl Stimpfle, President of the F.U.A., will attend on behalf of that organization, also Hugh Allen, on behalf of the Alberta Livestock Co-operative.

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TWO VIEWS ON PRICE SUPPORTS

Views of the organized farmers upon the subject of price supports for agricultural products are well known; and the case for floor prices and similar measures has often been presented in these columns.

When other groups come to understand fully the farmers' case, and the bearing of agricultural prosperity upon the Canadian economy as a whole, the farmers' fight on this issue will have been won. That is why we have found both intensely interesting and highly encouraging the two articles to which we devote all the remainder of our space on this page — articles which are important contributions to understanding.

A RETAIL TRADE VIEW

We can only quote at this time a small part of a forthright article written by Dalton J. Little, Editor of **The Retail Grocer and Provisioner**, of Toronto, in the current issue of his paper. In part the editorial reads:

"The wide divergence of views with respect to the advisability of government supported floor prices for farm products resolves itself to the simple choice of reverting to the inexorable laws of supply and demand under the free enterprise system, or continuing to assist industry by government action for the long range benefit of the state.

"It is admitted that agriculture is a basic industry in this country. Too often, when urban dwellers are discussing the effect of rising or falling prices of consumer goods, they seem to forget that the farmers, collectively, comprise a great industry upon which the country depends in large measure. . . ."

Pointing out that tariff barriers at points of entry have long been accepted among other methods of government support of industry, the writer then asks: "What, then, is more logical than government support of farm prices? It is simply another method of state intervention to preserve a basic industry in a condition of economic stability. . . ."

"Production control in manufacturing is possible to the last bolt or the smallest pin. Assembly lines are geared to the potential of the market. If market conditions change for the better or for the worse, the manufacturers of capital goods and of non-perishable consumer goods can, as a general rule, step up production on short notice to meet the increased demand, or curtail in order to prevent over-production. This flexibility in production is not possible for agriculturists, or to the same extent for dairy farmers, livestock breeders or the poultry and egg producers. The vagaries of the weather, and the uncertainties of crop yields occasioned thereby, leave the farmers in a much more precarious position than the manufacturer when markets change.

"A condition of over-production of any farm commodity, in any one season, is usually followed by under-production of that item the following season. . . . He (the farmer) has neither the plant facilities nor the financial capital structure which would enable him to carry over his less perishable products. . . ."

The Young Mother

*She is imprisoned by the kitchen clock
That measures out the passage of her days.
It portions to each hour some task to mock
Her vagrant longings, when some memory strays
Across old paths of freedom; but she asks
No token of her bondage to elude,
And moments of rebellious thought she masks,
Lest on her household's welfare they intrude.*

*I wonder does she know no other life
Holds richer compensations than her own,
To brace her children for the common strife
Until at last, her ministry outgrown,
They light new hearthfires, still of hers a part,
And weave new ties to keep her young in heart.*

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON

For these reasons there is justification for government intervention in his behalf in many instances."

A LABOR VIEW

Under the heading "The Labor View", the Canadian Forum of Toronto for March publishes the following:

"Canadian farmers are vociferous folk under ordinary circumstances. Right now they are fighting mad and everyone is hearing about it. Having achieved some degree of security after years of low prices, they seem again to be finding themselves back where they were when the war broke out. In a world of starving millions, they fail to see why prices and markets should melt away like springtime snows. Moreover, the government they helped elect promised them good, strong markets for years to come. Opposition spokesmen, not to say the British government, foretold what has come to pass, but Cassandra-like their predictions went unheeded.

"This is not just the farmer's problem. On the surface the city worker would seem to be the beneficiary of lower prices. Ham and eggs are cheaper now. But the deflation which has hit farm prices may go further and knock the props from under jobs and wages. The farmers of Canada are, after all, a very important part of the domestic market; they are consumers as well as producers. The mutuality of interest between farmers and labor is more than a pious expression. It is a hard economic fact.

"Under the circumstances, therefore, the organized farmers' demand for price support is bound to receive the support of organized labor. Labor's long-range interests — and short-range as well, for that matter — demand a relationship of good wages for city workers and a good return to the farmer for his produce. The strong political pressure which the farm organizations are now exerting on the government should be augmented by labor support. Already one of the trade union congresses has made offers of inter-organizational co-operation, transcending the usual convention resolutions which remain embalmed in the proceedings. It will be a pity if the farmers collectively disregard them, but whether they do or not the likelihood is that farmers and workers are going to find themselves on the same side of the fence on price supports."

'Can't Build Stability on Cheap Food'-Marler

"THERE is absolutely no justification for food prices to slump," declares Roy C. Marler, President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, in concluding a well-prepared and cogent statement on the reasons which make support price legislation eminently desirable not only from the standpoint of Canadian agriculture, but that of the Canadian economy as a whole.

"A day's wages," Mr. Marler adds, "will buy more eggs now than at any time since 1913. Every group in Canada, including farmers, have a better living, more security, than they ever enjoyed before. They enjoy family allowances, unemployment insurance, higher pensions, all during a period of reasonably good prices for agricultural products.

"We enjoy, as a nation, one of the highest standards of living, second perhaps to only one other country. The Farm Federations of Canada are not agreeable to having their agricultural people's living placed on the level of export markets where no export exists because of no dollars, with the result of our urban people being able to get their food at salvage prices."

Answers Many Public Statements

Answering statements recently made in the press, radio and on the platform, Mr. Marler points out that there is a great deal of misunderstanding as to the true purposes of the Agricultural Prices Support Act, as to the fundamental principles of floor prices, and as to the parity price policy in the United States and the Brannan plan which was rejected by Congress. These latter, he shows, differ widely from the plans whose adoption is sought in Canada.

To term price supports a "bonus" policy, Mr. Marler explains, may be incorrect. "For instance, it may not

be true in Canada this year with regard to the support price for bacon and eggs. The support price on these commodities may prove very useful both to producers and consumers by allowing the trade to put its products in storage during a short period of small surplus production. Then, during a short supply period they are able to draw on this storage to supplement the short supply season and thereby protect the price from going unreasonably high during a period when production is below domestic requirements. Of course, if the support price was high enough to encourage an increased production, then it might possibly create troublesome surpluses.

Purpose of Price Support

"The purpose of price support should be to fix a floor price above which the selling price may fluctuate according to the dictates of supply and demand. This support then would save the industry, yes, producers and consumers, from ruinously low prices which would lead food products to a price level resulting in another recession period of unemployment, stagnation of industry and professions."

Replying to those who tell farmers that all they need to do is to reduce their costs of production, Mr. Marler says higher efficiency is always a worthy objective (in fact, judged by world standards, agricultural products are already produced economically in Canada). This objective, however, should not be used as an argument to evade facing up to conditions now existing and developing.

Real Problem of Today

"The real problem at present is the equilibrium or balance of international exchange. Potatoes are being offered in the United States at one cent per hundred pounds in bags which cost 20 cents each. Can anyone produce potatoes as cheaply as that? Aren't there many, many people who need those potatoes? Yet they are not moving to market at this 'no cost' of production price.

"Our wheat in Canada would be in a similar position if it were not for the assistance in dollars given by the United States through the Marshall plan to consumer countries to buy our wheat, and for the Canada-United Kingdom and International Wheat Agreements."

Farmers' Courageous Action

To the charge that the farmers are "the second-best organized, fear-ridden group in Canada," Mr. Marler replies that it "would be more correct to say that the farmers of Canada form the only group courageous and interested enough between 1945-49... to come forward with a proposal, through the International Federation of Agricultural Producers to the Food and Agriculture Organization, for the marketing or moving of unneeded surpluses to people needing them, on an international basis."

It was difficult to understand why the farmer should be singled out as fear-ridden, fibreless and accused of "farming the taxpayer" because he asked for a floor price after eggs, for example, dropped 45 per cent in some markets, and to below the cost of production in all, while others were obtaining increases.

Mr. Marler points out that the Agricultural Prices Support Act was supported, when passed in 1944, by all parties in the House of Commons. None of the complaints of the farmers "farming the taxpayers" were made when these taxpayers were receiving

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Canada Is Across the Atlantic Too

"Churchill, though Conservative enough by British standards, actually favors social reforms that would crisp Wall Street's hair. An English Conservative frequently has notions that would make him suspect by the House Un-American Activities Committee. The scale of values across the Atlantic is still 20 years apart."—New Republic, New York, Feb. 27, 1950.

Announce Export Surplus

Moscow announces that output of grain, according to the most recent figures available, neared last season the 1950 target of 128 million tons—much more than the pre-war output, and enough to provide a large surplus for export. In 1949, official figures indicated 150,000 new tractors were provided, apart from large numbers of other agricultural machines and motor vehicles.

their bread and some other food products at greatly reduced prices through payment of subsidies to millers, consumers of milk, etc.

The Dominion Government's statement that they are prepared to make price support legislation permanent was marked with approval. Mr. Marler did not think there was a Government in Canada that believed a normal degree of stability could be based on a cheap food policy.



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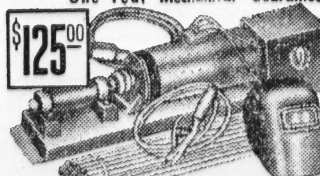
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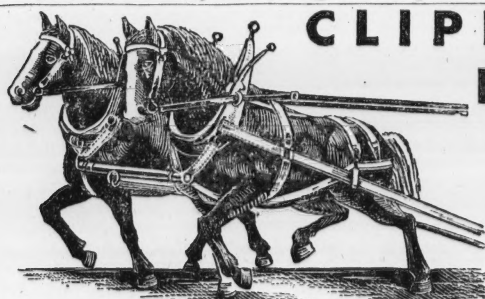
No farmer today would think of rearing male cattle, sheep or hogs for market without castrating them, but in the past poultry people have been indifferent to this condition and have shipped their male birds just as they gather them up to dispose of them.

Now, the fact is that when a male chicken is properly caponized when about 6 weeks old, it will not only develop to a larger bird and weigh more than normal males of the variety when reaching maturity, but it will also do this with less feed, less trouble and the meat of such birds will be more tender, will have a finer flavor and bring from 4 to 6 cents per pound more when marketed.

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Important Statement on Our 1949 Operations

IN a previous article mention was made of the various problems that faced our business in 1949.

No doubt most of you, were you to compare your own farm operations, would or will have noticed quite a similarity. Values have declined and in some cases your production is not in the same keen demand as in previous years.

Notwithstanding the various problems that came to us, our 1949 operations can be considered quite satisfactory.

Market values, as an initial payment, have been paid each member for all her and his deliveries to any of our plants, and in addition your Board has declared a final payment of 3 per cent in a reserve share certificate on all deliveries.

Applies on All Products

This final payment applies on all products: Butterfat for churning; Butterfat for condensing; Butterfat for cheese; Butterfat for fluid milk use; and on eggs and poultry.

It also provides similar final payments to the new plants which came into our organization in 1949.

Whilst our financial position at the end of 1949 was the best on record, your Board of Directors decided it was necessary to add further to our working capital. For that reason series P. of our outstanding partici-

pation certificates will be deemed for cash at some later date. Quite likely no further action on this will be taken during the present year.

This, incidentally, is in accord with a suggestion put forward by some delegates at our last Delegates' Meeting.

1949, even in face of problems, was a satisfactory year and your Board anticipates that the year 1950 will be at least equally good.

On behalf of your Board of Directors.

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Vaccination for Bang's
Disease Doubles in 1949

During 1949 a total of 21,000 calves were vaccinated against Bang's disease, or 110 per cent more than in 1948, when 10,000 were vaccinated, according to Dr. E. E. Ballantyne, Director of veterinary services of the Alberta Department of Agriculture. Dr. Ballantyne states that few Provinces can show such an increase in one year. He hopes for a further increase of 100 per cent in 1950.

The 1949 total represents 2,200 visits by the veterinarians. The number would have been higher had not persistent sub-zero temperatures in mid-December held up a large number of vaccinations in range herds.

Blood testing for Bang's disease has also increased in a spectacular way. From a total of 13,527 tests in 1948, the number rose to 25,258, from cattle on 3,500 farms in 67 municipalities, improvement districts and special areas.

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Mr. Bright, who is secretary of both the Saskatchewan Co-operative Union and the Saskatchewan Federation of Agriculture, has recently returned from a trip to England. "In Britain," he said, "the co-ops count their assets in billions. There are ten million co-op members, and the rations of 13,000,000 people are distributed through the co-ops which shows the faith the people have in them."

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POST-WAR CHRONICLE

March 2nd. — Canadian railways granted another 7.4 per cent increase in freight rates (making 16 per cent since last summer) by transport commissioners. United Church opposes sending Canadian envoy to Vatican.

March 3rd. — Soft coal miners cleared of contempt charges in U.S. court; Truman says coal situation is very serious national emergency. Strachey attacked by Conservative newspapers; implication that he may be or may have been a Communist. Attlee charges headlines used "disgraceful", says Strachey ten years ago made clear his "fundamental disagreement with Communist party, of which he never was a member."



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LONDON, Eng. — Of food gifts in bulk, totalling over 130 million pounds, which were received in Britain in the six years ending in December last, the largest quantity came from Canada. Canada sent over 54 million pounds, and Australia came second with over 49 million pounds.

Canterbury which seeks ending of arms race. Settlement U.S. soft coal strike said reached in principle. Agreement to "live and let live" should be reached with Russia, declares Hon. L. B. Pearson.

March 4th. — Brannan, Howe, announce agreement on wheat policy, following conference in Ottawa; reported both countries will support admission of Germany and Japan, at international wheat council meeting in London, March 13th, and that Canada will supply about one-quarter of the 100 million bushels to be exported to the two countries. West German government ordered by Allied Commission to refuse admission to all but 25,000 of the 125,000 Germans to be expelled by Poland.

March 5th. — John L. Lewis wins new contracts, increased wages averaging \$1.50 per day for soft coal miners, greater welfare benefits. Early returns in Greek general elections give leftists lead.

March 6th. — British Parliament formally opened; King's speech promises efforts by Labor Government to reach agreement on atomic power, through UN; Government estimates defence costs will be up about 3 per cent, most of the increase going for atomic research.

March 7th. — Pearson says Canada is still studying recognition of Chinese Communist government. U.S. court finds Judith Coplon, V. Gubitchev, guilty of attempted spying. Britain notifies members of 1947 Geneva tariff agreement that if her exports to the U.S. drop she will have to cut dollar imports still further.

March 8th. — British, American, French foreign ministers will probably meet in April or May, at time of Atlantic council meeting, states Acheson. Chief of Bechuanaland tribe barred by British government from returning to his protectorate; Government spokesman says "tendencies to disruption" threaten well-being of tribe (chief's white wife may be thorn in flesh to color-conscious South African government). Trygve Lie urges Big Four to come to agreement on Chinese recognition.



TRYGVE LIE

March 9th. — General strike of utility workers in France threatened; Government drafts civilian workers to keep services functioning. Judith Coplon sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment, Gubitchev to be deported to Russia.

March 10th. — Labor Government upheld in Churchill amendment (accepted as want-of-confidence motion) 310 to 296; Liberals support Conservatives. U.S. Senate votes to continue rent controls to June 30th. Dr. Sander acquitted in mercy killing trial in New Hampshire court. Speaking in Moscow, Molotov says Russians can't be frightened by hydrogen bomb "which doesn't exist."

March 11th. — Hoffman threatens Britain may lose \$150 millions Marshall Aid unless she joins European countries to lower trade barriers. (Britain's living standard would be lowered by effect of "free enterprise" sponsored by U.S. on continent.) New Delhi reports that 750 Hindus were killed by Moslems in mass attacks in East Bengal last month. Canadian

Broadcasts to India

Asha Malik (above), who takes part in many programs in the British Broadcasting Corporation's overseas service, is seen at the microphone. Born and educated in India, during the war she became a Junior Commander in the W.A.C. (I). She married M. A. Malik, a senior producer in the BBC's Hindustani Section, and followed him to England pending her release from the Services. At the moment, Asha Malik is studying at London University for a diploma in Education.

railways apply for another increase in freight rates.

March 12th. — Worst air disaster in history causes loss of 80 lives, Cardiff, Wales. Belgian plebiscite shows 57 per cent in favor of return of Leopold to throne. Russians cannot be frightened nor bought, says Pravda spokesman (U.S. Senator McMahon had proposed financial aid to Russia in return for agreement to Baruch plan of international control of atomic energy). In Greece, three centre parties agree to formation of coalition government.

March 13th. — Moscow report suggests Stalin might meet Truman in (Continued on Page 12)

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POLICY RE SUPPORT PRICES SET FORTH AS UNIONS CONFER

Joint Conference States Views on Bases for Farm Marketing Boards

At a joint conference attended by principal executive members of the Farmers' Union of Alberta and the Saskatchewan Farmers' Union in Saskatoon last week, President Carl J. Stimpfle of the F.U.A. advises *The Western Farm Leader*, conditions which are considered necessary as a satisfactory basis for the establishment of Provincial or Interprovincial Marketing Boards were agreed upon as follows:

Five-Point Policy

1. That the actual appointing of any Producers' Boards for the purpose of marketing any agricultural commodity should be deferred until the constitutional jurisdiction has been definitely established between the Provincial and Dominion Governments.
2. That unless exceptional circumstances apply to a particular commodity, at least sufficient Provinces establish similar boards to insure effective control of a particular commodity.
3. That the floor price at which agricultural price support is required be established by the Producers' Boards in co-operation with the Agricultural Prices Support Board, and that the agricultural prices support legislation be given permanent status and become operative on the basis outlined in this formula and that the producers be given adequate and direct representation on the Agricultural Prices Support Board.
4. That such Provincial Marketing Boards, having been established to market a given commodity, be given the necessary authority by statute to make it illegal for any other agency, or person, to purchase this commodity for resale commercially.
5. That such Producer Marketing Boards be given full authority to import as well as export in cases where barter exchange of goods is necessary, or desirable, and that such goods imported on a barter basis in exchange for agricultural products be admitted to Canada from Great Britain free of

FUA Membership Being Polled on Wheat Price; Should Boost Be Asked?

Asking whether in the judgment of members of Locals of the Farmers' Union of Alberta, their organization should press for an additional 25 cents per bushel under the five-year Pool plan, which ends July 31st with the expiration of the British contract, the Union is taking a poll of the members of its Locals, numbering some 700. At the same time a similar poll is being taken of the Locals of the Saskatchewan Farmers' Union. Carl J. Stimpfle, F.U.A. President, has announced. Present payments are on the basis of \$1.75; but at the last Annual Convention of the F.U.A. a total of \$2 was asked.

duty or any other trade restrictions, dumping duties, quotas, embargoes, etc.

The Basis for Prices

The joint conference went on record to the effect that basic support prices on all commodities should be established at levels that would be sufficient to maintain the reasonably efficient producer in sufficient proportion on the land with a reasonably good standard of living; in order to do this, support prices would at all times have to bear a definite relationship to production and living costs. Any possible downward revision of prices of goods and services affecting agricultural production costs should be accompanied by a corresponding lowering of agricultural support prices.

The conference declared that the only satisfactory sale policy for grain is one in which all coarse grains as well as wheat are marketed through "a Grain Board under Federal control such as the Wheat Board."

Storage Program — Diverting Acreage

A storage program was recommended "which looks forward to storing a maximum amount in times of plenty against future needs. When the surplus goes beyond what is deemed necessary for this purpose," it is declared, "direction should be given by the Producers' Boards in co-operation with Government Agricultural Departments for the purpose of diverting a percentage of the acreage to be sown to commodities in over-supply to some other more urgently needed products for which there is an immediate use, or ready sale, and that until such change can be effected in an orderly and intelligently planned manner, that deliveries be regulated by an extension of the present delivery quota system."

Perishable Products

In the case of perishable products, it is set forth that price supports may have to be varied "in order that too great surpluses do not build up; but at no time must they be allowed to go to that level which would damage the producer financially to the point that the particular branch of the industry would be threatened." If, in spite of this action, certain commodities were found to be in over-production, delivery quotas might have to be initiated "as a last resort."

Unless over-production were purely seasonal, "then, in the case of grains, study would have to be given to encouraging a shifting of the necessary acreage into production of other needed commodities," it was stated.

The conference set forth that "production must be maintained at export levels to ensure a high standard of living and a balanced economy."

The conference also declared "that, providing sufficient safeguards and latitudes are obtained, Provincial Producers' Boards should be set up to supervise and direct the program on a Provincial level, to collect and store all products being handled by the Board and who may supervise marketing within their provinces with representation from the Provincial group

Urge Complete Revision of Tariff Laws

The Farmers' Union Conference at Saskatoon went on record to the effect that "expanding markets for agricultural products" are "dependent on our Canadian fiscal policy", and that "it is futile to look for a solution unless and until our present tariff laws and dumping duties are completely revised."

The opinion was expressed that the Federal Government "should at all times be prepared to co-operate with FAO on any program to use surplus agricultural commodities to raise the nutritional standards in areas where there is a deficiency of food, and that such transactions be handled through a permanent international clearing house."

Ask Increased Freight Rates Be Disallowed

The Alberta Government was asked last week by the Alberta Farmers' Union "to request the Federal Government to disallow the recent freight rate increase authorized by the Board of Transport Commissioners." Premier Manning has announced that a protest has been made.

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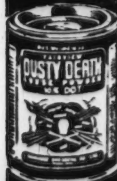
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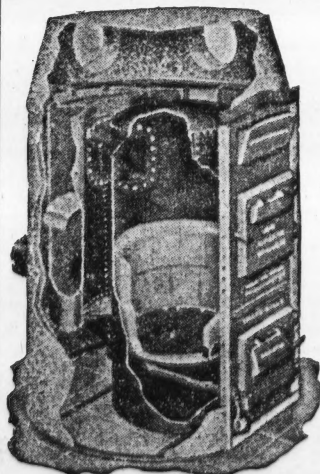
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FARM WOMEN'S INTERESTS

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Linking Our Provinces Agriculturally

Dear Farm Women:

It seemed like old times last night to go to an Agricultural meeting. I knew the Secretary of the British Columbia Federation of Agriculture, whose home is in the vicinity, was to address the meeting. I knew also that he had recently attended the Western Conference of the four Western Provinces at Winnipeg and the Canadian Federation at Niagara.

An Added Pleasure

I wanted to see if there was a feeling in favor of the Provinces being linked together agriculturally despite some different types of work in some Provinces and some different problems. Perhaps that feeling at the bottom of things added the more to my pleasure when the speaker came to me and said, "I met a good friend of yours recently at Niagara." It did not take long to guess that it was our Alberta woman delegate to the Federation — Mrs. Gunn, our F.W.U.A. President.

Of course there was much in our speaker's address that had a very familiar ring when he began talking of farmers' problems; for so many are concerned with the problem of marketing their produce, and that today is a problem which seems greater than ever. The export market is a most uncertain one. Countries which formerly took much of our produce now feel they are too poor to buy (they lack the dollars to buy from dollar countries) and are making every effort to be self-supporting as nearly as possible; and they are growing more and more of their own food supplies.

Problem of Tree Fruit Products

Being in B.C., of course, the speaker made reference to the problem of finding a suitable market for the tree fruit products of the Province, and when it is realized that means for a crop that runs into millions and millions of dollars we know it is indeed a problem. He spoke also of having been recently in a district which had had its acreage cut into ten-acre lots and was largely devoted to the growing of a particular type of raspberry which is not popular on the home market but was particularly suited to the making of jam and was largely exported to Great Britain. Since Britain has begun to reckon fruit a luxury that market is practically closed. Also he said a flood had wiped out some of the farms. (It

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is just as well sometimes to stop and think of other people's troubles.)

Dairy and Poultry Industries

He went on and discussed the dairy industry, and the poultry industry. He commented on B.C.'s Potato Marketing Board. British Columbia is the only province, I believe, as yet to have one. He reminded us that there is Federal legislation in effect which gives each Province the right to set up marketing legislation of its own agricultural products, and it is up to the Provinces to take advantage of this. It is when the different Provinces do this and then work together co-operatively that the Boards will be of most benefit.

There was no doubt that the speaker felt the Provincial and Canadian Federations of Agriculture were doing a work from which every Province and ultimately every farmer benefitted. Of course funds are meagre; farmers seem more loath than labor to pay a membership fee to their organizations.

The speaker's final note, however, was that the success of the Federations depends on the home work of the individual community farm organizations — in B.C., in Alberta, in every Province, each playing a part. This means of course that every farmer and his wife have their parts to play — and that means you!

Yours sincerely,

H. ZELLA SPENCER.

News of Women's Locals

Crossfield F.W.U.A. are celebrating St. Patrick's Day with a Calico Ball.

Viking South F.W.U.A. voted recently to send \$5 to the March of Dimes.

Conrich F.W.U.A. are beginning a drive for clothing for European relief.

Hillock F.W.U.A. (Innisfree) realized \$56.71 from a bazaar held jointly with the F.U.A. Local.

The mental health bulletin was read and discussed with interest by Bonanza F.W.U.A., reports Mrs. Ewald Gwenke, the secretary.

Earlier in the winter Clyde F.W.U.A. held a whist drive, to finance "adoption" of a war orphan, through the Unitarian Service Committee.

Fairdonian Valley F.W.U.A. (Sedgewick) have agreed that each member will pay \$1 in dues, the balance to be made up from proceeds of card parties.

Sunniebend F.W.U.A. (Pibroch) are sponsoring a resolution asking for hard-surfacing of the road from Westlock to Smith, writes Mrs. M. Adair, secretary.

A general discussion on the medical service plan followed reading of the health bulletin at a meeting of Clover Bar F.W.U.A. recently, states Mrs. L. Meyers.

Mrs. M. Belanger was hostess to a recent meeting of Pelican F.W.U.A. (Edgerton). The secretary was instructed to write to the Extension Library for books to follow up their study of mental hygiene.

Stavely F.W.U.A. have arranged a card party and dance for to-night (March 17th). They donated \$50 to the Y.W.C.A. building fund, and \$10 to the Salvation Army, and are now

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Lochinvar F.W.U.A. (Ponoka) will support the Junior F.U.A. Stampede Queen candidate as far as possible, writes Mrs. W. B. Ogilvie. At the last meeting, all present signed a petition asking for floor price on farm products.

Asking that educational grants be increased, Warner F.W.U.A. are sending a letter to their local M.L.A. Plans have been made to serve lunch at a local auction sale, reports Mrs. Lorraine Hepler, the secretary.

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Afterthoughts on a Great Farmers Gathering

By MRS. R. B. GUNN, President F.W.U.A.

VIEWING the annual meeting of the Canadian Council of Agriculture in retrospect, one hears again the roar of falling waters, which impinged on the ears without cessation. Byron's words might have been used to describe the falls of Niagara:

"The roar of waters — from the headlong height,
"The fall of waters — rapid as the light,
"The flashing mass shaking the abyss — a matchless cataract."

A Representative Delegation

It was interesting to note the delegates to this national Convention, delegates chosen on a basis of production as well as that of geography. There were representatives of the mighty Wheat Pools of the West. From British Columbia were delegates to present the viewpoint of the fruit growers of the Okanagan and elsewhere — delegates in fact from every Province except Newfoundland. There were women delegates, too, few in number, but representing, nevertheless, great areas of rural life, representing, too, many years of organized activity in little locals, in Provincial conventions, and finally at the national level.

So much for the setting and the personnel of the Convention. With reference to the resolutions under discussion, the surprising thing was not that there were conflicting ideas, but rather that there were so few issues on which there were divergences of opinion. When these occurred, however, the presentation on each side was forthright and forceful.

It occurred to me that such a gathering was a complete refutation of the old idea that farmers from East and West could find no common ground on major issues affecting agriculture.

One of the reporters writing of this Convention said: "The years have seen great changes in Canadian agriculture, not only in farming methods but in the outlook and interests of the farmers themselves". Be that as it may, I was impressed by the quiet confidence and the complete competence displayed. Here were delegates deeply conscious of the need to safeguard the farm economy in the present emergency period, well aware of the fact that we live in a closely knit economy, knowing full well that no great area could become impoverished without imperiling the whole.

No Spirit of Defeatism

And this was the encouraging aspect of the conference—these delegates met in no spirit of defeatism. They knew the dangers and the difficulties that faced them. But also, they

Heads Women's National Committee of C.F.A.



In the article on this page, Mrs. R. B. Gunn of Lloydminster, presents important aspects of the recent national convention of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture in retrospect from a woman's standpoint. At the gathering at Niagara Falls, Mrs. Gunn, who is president of the Farm Women's Union of Alberta, was appointed Western Woman Representative on the C.F.A. Board, and was also elected Chairman of the National Women's Committee of the Federation.

knew, or thought they knew, at least some of the pertinent answers.

Later some of the measures the delegates had proposed were presented to members of the Cabinet at Ottawa. Their presentation has received wide recognition through the Press, and, already, measures growing out of these proposals are finding a place on the agenda of the House at Ottawa. Thus, in the short space of fifteen years, the Canadian Federation of Agriculture has established itself as a dominating force in the agricultural life of the nation, and its voice commands respect wherever policies relating to the farm are under consideration.

I was impressed by the value and importance of the Convention. Yet here were no great numbers of delegates, no "fiery" debates, no desk-thumping, no vehement "demands". Then wherein lay the inherent strength, and the impressive character of the gathering? As I pondered this question there came to mind the words of one of England's immortals, who wrote in a time of national crisis:

"The Time demands,
"Strong minds, great hearts, true faith, and willing hands."

That I think is the answer. Here were the great leaders of the farm organizations, or their representatives, across Canada. Here were the men who for many years have served the people of the farm, in one capacity or another, whether in the direct membership organizations, or through the various co-operatives.

Here were men who have grown to their present stature in the farm movement; men imbued with the ideals for which organized farm people stand;

To Carry Junior Colors for Stampede Queen

Eileen Beckner of Carstairs will carry the colors of the Junior F.U.A. in the Calgary Stampede Queen contest. Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Beckner, old timers of the Carstairs district, Miss Beckner is an accomplished horsewoman. With the backing of F.U.A. Juniors throughout the Province, and members of the senior organizations as well, she should be a strong candidate.

Selection was made by a committee set up by the Junior F.U.A. Board for the purpose, and Miss Beckner was chosen from a field of sixteen.

and, moreover, men who have dedicated themselves to the task of working out, for people of the farm, a place in our national economy which will assure to those who produce the food basically necessary for all people, a proper measure of security and a degree of prosperity in line with that enjoyed by other large sections of our population.

It was decided at a recent meeting of Stony Plain F.W.U.A. to take a course in leadership next fall, writes Mrs. John Evjen. An interesting discussion on placing furniture was led, at the same meeting, by Mrs. W. Fuhr and Mrs. C. Fuhr.

"Even when little real business is transacted," writes Mrs. K. T. Ferguson, secretary of Park Grove F.W.U.A., "it does us all good to get away from our daily work and see our neighbors." This Local recently sent off a box of good used clothing for overseas relief, and voted to support a project presented to them by Senior Young People's, for a Community Centre in Vegreville.

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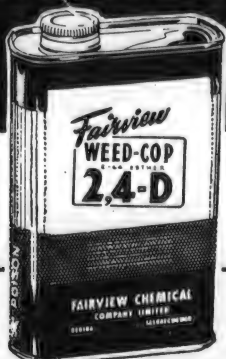
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The U.K. has bought 50 thousand tons of linseed oil in Argentina.

The Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool

The world's four important wheat exporting countries, Canada, United States, Argentina and Australia, had a combined wheat supply of 1,683 million bushels on January 1st, 1950. That total is 109 million bushels above the supply level on the same date a year ago. The increase is not very large, but the trend seems to be towards increasing stocks, particularly in the United States.

In the 1948-49 crop year, the United States exported 505 million bushels of wheat and flour. For the first eight months of the current United States crop year exports totalled only 203,700,000 bushels. The total for the year may not be much more than 300 million bushels. The carryover may reach 450 million bushels, the bulk of which will be in the hands of the United States Government.

Has Invested \$1 Billion

Through the Commodity Credit Corporation, the United States Government has invested over \$1 billion to support the price of wheat. If this year's crop turns out to be a good one wheat support may require another \$½ billion by January 1st, 1951.

Canada, Australia and Argentina should be able to clear out most of their stocks this crop year. On February 1st Canadian supplies available for export or carryover totalled 210.7 million compared with 233.3 on the same date a year ago. The Australian 1949 crop, placed at 216 million bushels, will not provide an unwieldy surplus, and there is a good demand for the same. The Argentina crop last year was only 202 million bushels, which will not afford a large surplus.

The European crop is expected to be fairly substantial this year, as the winter weather was favorable. World exports, which totalled 970 million bushels in 1948-49, may not be more than 850 million bushels this year, and in the 1950-51 crop there might be a further reduction. European nations are again planning to produce as much wheat as possible, and hence save the expenditure of dollars for North American supplies.

The United States winter wheat area may be experiencing a setback. Last autumn another U.S. wheat crop in excess of 1 billion bushels was forecast, but in late weeks dry weather and high winds have done considerable damage.

The Wheat Board is asking farmers of the Prairie Provinces to deliver surplus wheat as soon as possible. If deliveries are left to June or July, such grain will have to go into the carry-

Livestock Markets Review

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, Mar. 15th.—The cattle market is active, with prices about steady with last week's close. Good to choice butcher steers \$23.50 to \$24.50, down to \$19 for common; good butcher heifers \$22 to \$23, down to \$18 for common; good to choice fed calves \$23.50 to \$24.50, down to \$20; good cows, \$17 to \$17.50, down to \$15 for common; canners and cutters, \$12 to \$14.50; good bulls \$18 to \$18.50, down to \$16 for common; good stocker and feeder steers mostly \$20 to \$22, down to \$18. Grade A hogs \$27.75; good lambs \$24.75.

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, March 13th.—Last week's volume of receipts was light, the bulk grading medium or lower. Practical top on choice steers was \$24, good butcher steers brought \$22 to \$23 and good to choice heifers \$20 to \$22. Bulk of good cows scaled at \$16 to \$17, with heiferettes 50 cents higher. Good weighty bologna bulls were \$16 to \$18.50. Grade A hogs for coast shipment were higher at \$28.

The Dairy Market

Cream dropped two cents, all grades, on the local market on Wednesday, the 15th, making Special butterfat 60 cents, No. 1 58, No. 2 42, and off grade 37. This drop has not yet been reflected in butter prices, first grade prints remaining at 61 cents. Production continues low.

over. Wheat delivered to the Board now is available for ready sale. There may be a drop in the initial price after July 31st.

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Announcement re Butter

In relation to butter held in storage, Mr. Gardiner told the House that "it is not anticipated that there will be any change in the selling price of Government held butter before the end of March." He stated, however, that if the Government did decide to change its selling price downward, those who had purchased butter from the Government would "be protected against loss resulting from the change to the extent of the stocks on hand." He said that this was well understood. He mentioned that the 10-year average of butter on March 1st was, in round figures, 19,000,000 pounds. The average on May 1st was 10,000,000. On March 1st, 1949, the amount held was 23 million pounds, on March 1st, 1947, 24 million, and in 1950, 36 million (of this amount 25 million held by the Government).

Where the average on May 1st was 10 million, the amount on that date in 1945 was 12,700,000, and in 1949, 13,500,000. On the basis of these figures, there would be about 25 million pounds of butter to be marketed in addition to current production between March 1st and May 1st, to leave the usual carryover at the end of the year.

The Minister told the Commons that the Government sold 2½ million pounds the previous week. This was sold to ordinary dealers across Canada. He did not venture to predict how sales would hold in the next few weeks.

Reduced Trade in Bread Grains

According to a U.S. forecast, the total imports by the world of bread grain is expected in the present crop year to be about 10 per cent under 1948-49. It is not expected that there will be any significant increases in stocks of these grains except in the United States. The reduced level in world trade in bread grains thus far in 1949-50 "reflects the improved supply position in nearly all of the importing countries," the report of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics states. In the present situation "terms and conditions of trade are once more assuming importance in place of the critical need which characterized the post-war period through 1947-48." This, of course, means it is presumed that competition in selling will be more keen.

Bull Sale Bulletin

An average price of 48 cents per pound was realized from the sale of 85 head of baby beef, at the annual spring shows and sales in Calgary this week. The comparable figure at last year's event was 25 cents. E. F. Noad, Claresholm, won top honors in the fat stock show, with a Hereford steer. George Edgar, Innisfail, aged 15, showed the grand baby beef champion. Major awards in the Hereford bulls classes were captured by W. A. Crawford-Frost, Nanton, and Wm. Melnyk, Chipman, showed the top Shorthorns. Old Hermitage Farm, Edmonton, won first place in Aberdeen-Angus bulls.

We go to press while the sale is in its early stages. Grand Champion Shorthorn, Melnar Norseman Barrage, owned by Wm. Melnyk of Chipman, was sold for \$3,000 to Emil Skoedopole of Botha. The champion Aberdeen-Angus brought \$1,300.

POST-WAR CHRONICLE (Continued from Page 8)

Europe for peace talks. Labor Government wins second test vote, 314 to 289, in London. Despatch from New Delhi estimates loss of life in communal rioting in East Bengal at 3,500.

March 14th.—Full public enquiry ordered into Welsh air disaster, by British Minister of Civil Aviation. Third vote of confidence won by British Labor Government, 308 to 289.

March 15th.—Socialist government re-elected in Denmark, with slightly reduced majority, reported from Copenhagen. Czech foreign minister Clementis replaced; had been associated with Benes in government-in-exile.

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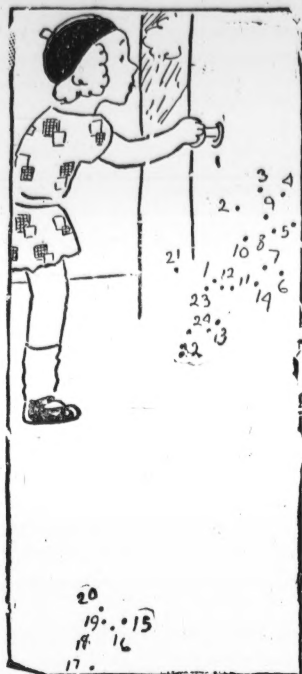
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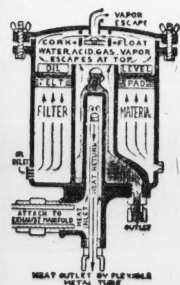
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CO-OP CONGRESS

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the setting up of a national co-operative general insurance organization. A draft bill for incorporation of a Dominion Co-operative Credit Society or Union was approved. With this end in view, the appointment by the Board of a special committee representative of co-operative and credit union movements was authorized. The committee will have wide latitude in presenting the draft bill to authorities at Ottawa before presenting it to Parliament. The proposed national co-operative credit union would have a capital of \$10,000,000, in 100,000 shares of \$100 each.

Continuous training of administrative staff as one of the prime factors in ensuring efficiency in the operation of co-operative farm loan organizations was strongly advocated by Dr. F. F. Hill, head of the Department of Economics of Cornell University.

Farmers Face Serious Problems

Dr. Hill, who was Governor of the U.S. Farm Credit Administration from 1938 to 1940, and has served as special consultant to the Economic Co-operation Administration in the United Kingdom, foresaw "rough weather" for farmers in Canada and the United States. The next few years, he said, are likely to test the effectiveness of farm credit organizations. "It is easy to run a farm loan organization in a period of rising prices," he said, "but it will be more difficult if prices drop as they have after every war in history to date."

Members of the Board of Directors of the Co-operative Union of Canada for the coming year are:

A. W. Friesen, Rosthern, Sask.; J. T. McDonald, Sydney, N.S.; A. C. Savage, Toronto; R. J. McMaster, Vancouver; J. R. Love, Edmonton; J. J. Siemens, Manitoba; J. Stevenson, Moncton, N.B., and J. O'Brien, P.E.I.

Mr. Friesen was re-elected President of the Union at a meeting of the Board following the Congress, and J. T. McDonald of Sydney, N.S., Vice-President. Delegates from Alberta were:

Norman F. Priestley, Calgary; Jake Frey, Arneson; F. J. Fitzpatrick, Edmonton; Murray Demings, Edmonton; Edward Peterson, Wetaskiwin; B. J. Bowlen, Edmonton; J. Russell Love of Edmonton attended ex-officio as a member of the Board.

FARM HOME & GARDEN

Foundation Planting: Groups of neat shrubs planted close to the house give the impression of permanence, and break the prominent, vertical lines of the building, states V. Chanasyk, of the Beaverlodge Experimental Station, who suggests that in choosing nursery stock the station's recommendations be utilised. He also suggests that a list of nursery firms recognized by the Western Canadian Society of Horticulture may be had by writing to the station.

Curried Cold Meat: Fry in dripping 1 onion and 1 apple, chopped finely, for 5 minutes; add 1 dessertspoonful each of curry powder and flour, and stir well; add 1 cup stock or water, and bring to the boil; add 1 tablespoon each sultanas and chutney, 2 tbs. milk, salt and pepper, and a few drops of lemon flavoring. Add cold meat, diced, and heat thoroughly. Serve with hot boiled rice.

A Little Sugar added to pancake or waffle batter, say 1 tablespoonful to 2 cups of flour, helps to secure that appetizing brown shade.

CONRICH JUNIORS ACTIVE

A party, held at the home of the secretary, Evelyn Pedersen, was attended by 27 members and friends of Conrich Junior F.U.A., who took active part in the games and dances planned by Jack Holan. A St. Patrick's dance, on March 10th, was another successful event; and the members are now busy rehearsing an operetta and short play to be presented at Chestermere Lake on April 14th.

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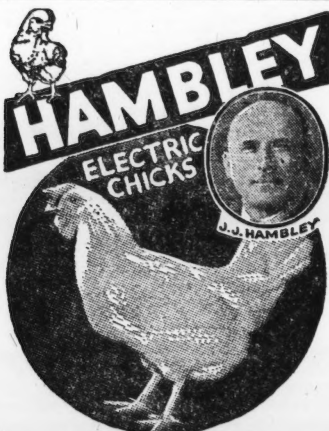
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Hello, Folks!

We see by the papers that Henry Armstrong, who eleven years ago held three world's boxing championships (featherweight, lightweight, welterweight), is to be ordained as a Baptist minister and tour the United States preaching to sinners. Well, he ought to be able to K.O. the devil.

Maybe, snorts Cynical Gus, but so far nobody has been able to make Old Nick take the count.

HE, SHE OR IT?

"Mayor Odea said HE persuaded the Vancouver mayor to attend the show when SHE visited the Canadian city last year." — From the Calgary Herald. Odea! Odea! How confusing this sex stuff is!

THE MASTERPIECE

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G. REIS, Castor.

A worker at the Coleburn distillery in Morayshire, Scotland, turned the wrong valve and sent eight hundred gallons of Scotch into a creek instead of into casks. That should save the Alberta Liquor Control Board the trouble of putting the water in it.

And we read that the weekly Payette Lakes (Idaho) Star has enlarged its pages, explaining: "We have been getting complaints that our paper was too small to wrap a bottle of whiskey in." Gosh! Didn't some of their subscribers buy it to read?

Down in Patterson, N.J., east of here, Mrs. Katherine Craver has been granted a divorce because her husband came in at 4 a.m. and woke her up by shoving four dead rabbits into the bed. What, snorts Wally, our incurable bach., did she expect, Mink?

POLLY WANTS A CRACKER!

Endicott, N.Y., (A.P.) — Punkin, a parrot, knew something was amiss this morning, but he couldn't find the word for it.

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"Fire!" Peters HHGM
OEZFTHB.Bird responded.

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zFire!" Peters yelled.

"Fire!" the bird responded.

Peters extinguished the blaze.

Punkin spent the rest of the pre-dawn hours practicing his new word, Peters said.

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From an Associated Press Dispatch.

And darn it, like the New Yorker, it got us smelling smoke, too.

MILK THIS ONE

Says Sax Rohmer in "The Seven Sins," of all places: "Cows make better butter than what coconut trees does." In other words, it's butter that takes the palm.

Speaking of Toronto, Sir Thomas Beecham says: "It is a sad city. The people look depressed and distressed. They go about with their heads hanging down." And that is a bitter pill for Torontonians to swallow.

Tommy probably found that the people of the Queen City were not prepared to dance to his music any more than old country folks believe that Beecham's pills are worth a guinea a box.

MORE ABOUT MUSIC

We understand that certain band leaders demand a share of the royalties before they will plug a song over the radio. Seems to be a case of he who wants to call the tune must pay the piper.

Nunno, says Knotty Frankie, he not only has to pay the piper but the whole darn orchestra as well.

Nan of Nanton informs us that she has discovered the reason for those whiskey advertisements. Yep, sez she, it's because of the shockingly high prices charged by the Liquor Control Board, only "Men of Distinction" can afford to drink.

SHALL WE REVERSE?

Grasshopper Invasion Will Be Severe

One of the worst grasshopper invasions since the 'thirties may occur in 1950 — this is indicated by reliable surveys made by Dominion Department of Agriculture entomologists, states Dr. F. J. Greaney, director of Line Elevators Farm Service. The value of proper cultural methods in meeting this threat cannot be over-emphasized, he writes. Heavily infested fields should be summer-fallowed; early surface cultivation of all infested crop land is strongly recommended, and early seeding is also advised. Guard and trap strips should be used on all summerfallow land; these should be treated early and frequently with poison bait or sprayed or dusted. Dr. Greaney stresses the need for community action, but adds that "the first responsibility of farmers, however, is to keep the grasshoppers on their own farms strictly under control."

TO VISIT CANADA

LONDON, Eng.—Banff, Calgary and Edmonton are to be included in the speaking itinerary of the famous British scientist, Sir Henry Dale, who will arrive in Canada in late April. He will speak mainly to medical and scientific audiences, but some public lectures are also being arranged.

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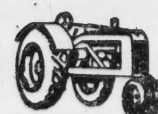
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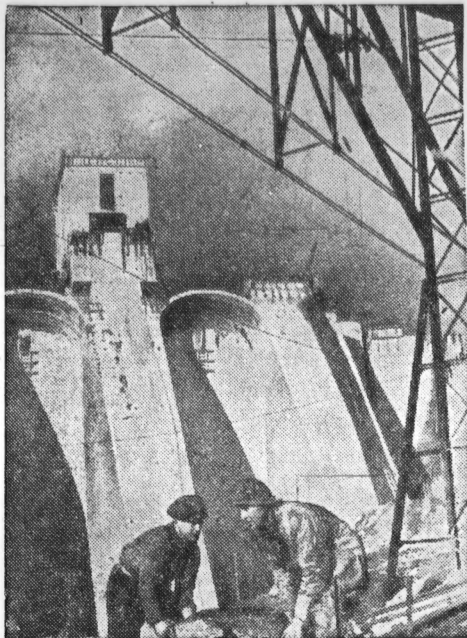
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Pictured left is a 1,200-foot dam which will supply water power to a station at Loch Lomond, famed in the song "On the Bonnie, Bonnie Banks."

Right: 80-year-old Willie McAlpine (left of picture), storekeeper in the village of Luss, sells a customer an electric kettle. He does it under newly-installed fluorescent light (top of picture). To the right of his pile of modern electric appliances is the type of coal oil lamp he has sold for 35 years.

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